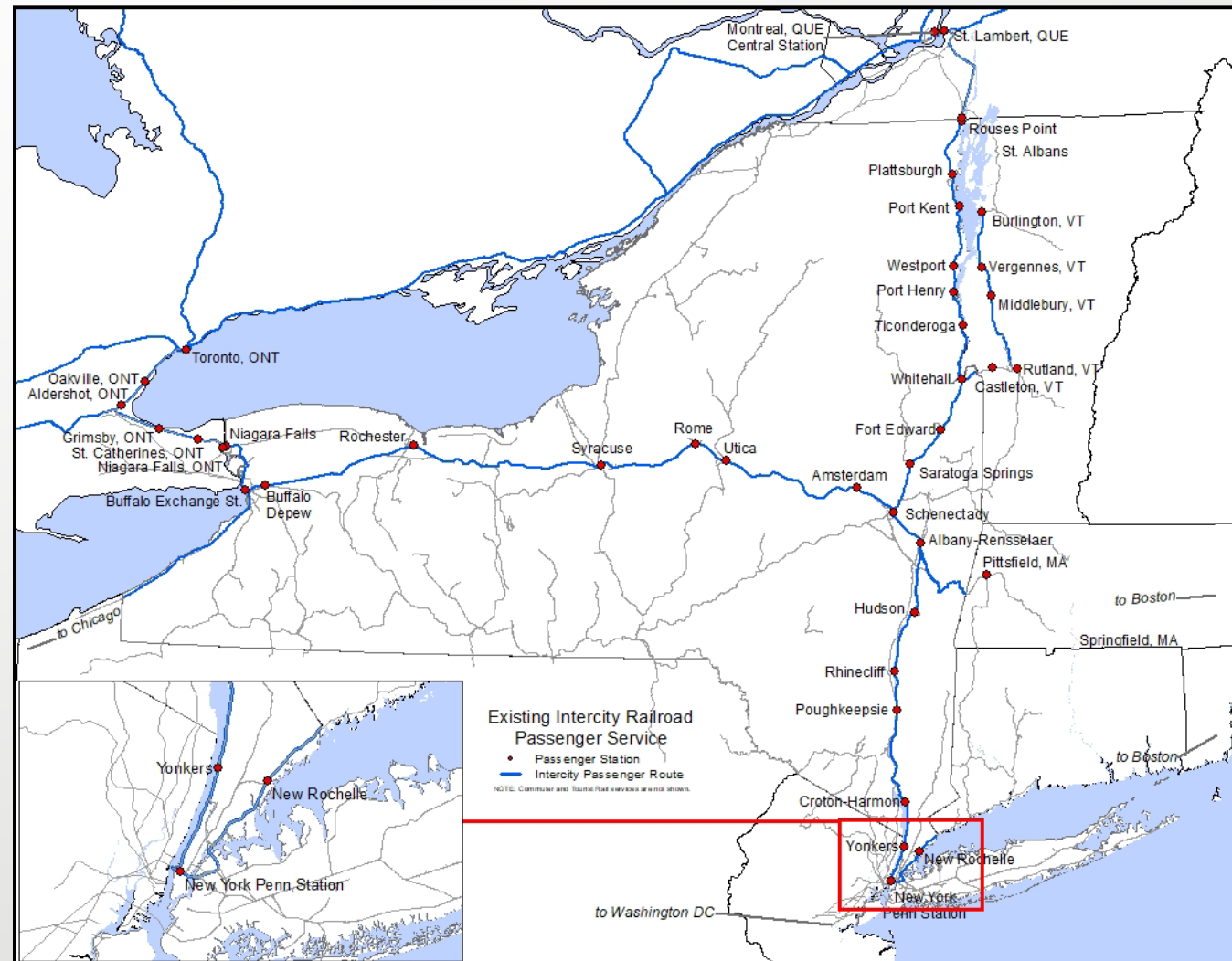# NYS Department of Transportation
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ADIRONDACK CORRIDOR | FACTS AND INFORMATION

NYC ⬌ MONTREAL 🚂

One daily round trip

- Scheduled run times:
    - 11 hours 40 minutes northbound
    - 11 hours 5 minutes southbound
- Peak year was 2019, with 117,500 riders; federal fiscal year 2024 there were 69,800 riders.
- FFY 2024: 51% of all passengers crossed the US/Canada border
    - 40% of all passengers traveled the full length of the route between NYC and Montreal
- Travels over track owned by Amtrak, Metro-North, CSX, Canadian Pacific Kansas City, Canadian National and CDPQ Infra (CDPQ is Gare Centrale platform and track owner)

STATUS OF THE ADIRONDACK CORRIDOR

- Currently at **Step 1**: developing statement of work, schedule and budget for preparation of a Service Development Plan during Step 2.

- Group and one-on-one meetings with rail properties provided important context for the effort.

- Main enhancements to be examined:
  - State of Good Repair improvements to reduce travel time variation
  - Addition of a second daily round trip
  - Pre-clearance facility in Montreal

MONTREAL PRE CLEARANCE INSPECTION FACILITY

NYS supports the consolidation of US Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) inspections of Amtrak's Adirondack in a single facility in Gare Centrale, Montreal.

Pre-Clearance Inspection Facility Benefits

Eliminates dwell time at the border

Enhances schedule adherence

Eliminates potential for passenger-related complications to delay other passengers

NEXT STEPS FOR NEW YORK STATE

STEP 1 — Federal Railroad Administration review of Step 1 deliverables; upon final approval, moving on to Step 2.

STEP 2 — Step 2: Service Development Plan development, including technical analyses, stakeholder and community outreach, and financial planning.

STEP 3 — Continued work with Amtrak and our collaborating project partners.

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